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STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
DEPARTMENT OF LAW & PUBLIC SAFETY  
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In the Matter of the Practice     )  
of Chiropractic by:                     )  
                    JOHN R. PINTO, D.C.     )  
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FINAL ORDER

This matter was opened to the Board upon receipt of information that Dr. Pinto had provided as part of a medical report x-rays of less than diagnostic quality; had formed a medical opinion based partly on these x-rays; and had charged the patient for them. Dr. Pinto appeared before the Executive Committee to discuss the matter on September 26, 1984, accompanied by Anthony F. LaBue, Esq.

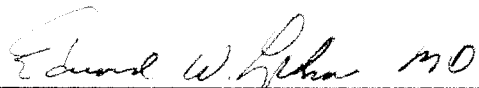
Dr. Pinto conceded that the x-rays in question were not of diagnostic quality. He attributed this to difficulties he experienced both with his equipment and developing technique. However, he states that he has recently left his previous office and purchased new x-ray equipment. He stated that diagnosis of the patient in question was not based primarily on the x-rays but on the whole course of evaluation, including earlier x-rays. In

light of this testimony and the doctor's desire to conclude this matter without recourse to further legal proceedings, it is on this 22nd day of January, 1985, hereby Ordered and Agreed that:

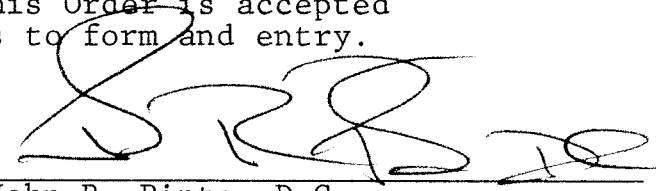
1. John R. Pinto, D.C. immediately cease and desist from the taking of and billing for x-rays of non-diagnostic quality.

2. Dr. Pinto shall within ten (10) days restore the sum of \$45.00 to patient John Kulik, representing the fee paid by the patient for substandard x-rays; said payment shall be by certified check made out to the patient and submitted to the Board.

3. Dr. Pinto shall within ten (10) days submit to the Board a sampling of his current x-rays.

  
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Edward W. Luka, M.D.  
President  
State Board of Medical Examiners

This Order is accepted  
as to form and entry.

  
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John R. Pinto, D.C.